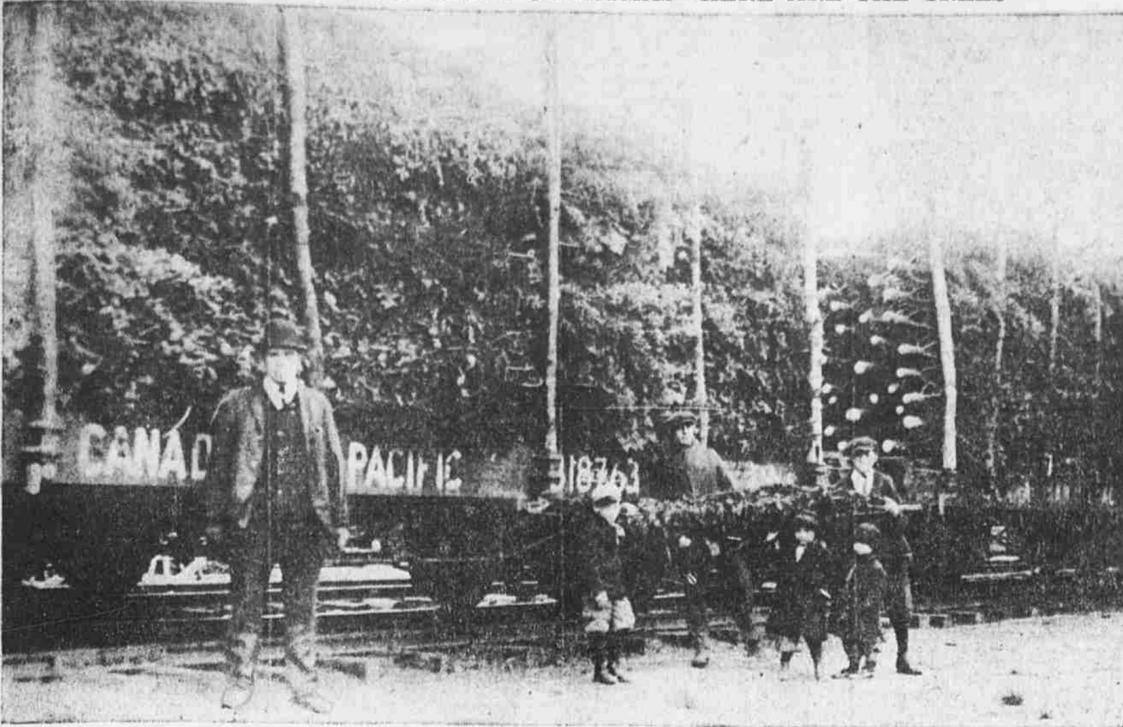


TWENTY-SEVEN DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS—HERE ARE THE TREES



More than one thousand of the first, loaded on immense freight cars, arrived in Philadelphia today. They are lying in the Philadelphia and Reading Railway yards, at Nineteenth street and Allegheny avenue. They are said to be scarce and will probably command a high price owing to the gypsy brown moth blight. The Forestry Department has placed a quarantine on the trees.

QUICK NEWS

WHEAT BREAKS 10 TO 13 CENTS; GAINS A TRIFLE LATER

CHICAGO, Nov. 28.—The wheat market was demoralized by heavy selling toward the close today. Prices melted by quarters and halves amid intense excitement until losses of 10 to 13 cents from the previous close were recorded. There was a rally at the end of evening, but final quotations were 3 to 7 1-2 cents net lower. The whiff followed reports concerning diplomatic relations and more restrictions by railroads on the movement of grain.

RAILROADS MUST RETURN EXCESS BOX CARS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Returns by each railroad of all box cars on its lines in excess of the number owned by that line was ordered today by the conference committee on car efficiency of the American Railway Association. The order was issued "in the interest of the public to meet an emergency."

MYSTERIOUS SHIP SENDS CALL FOR HELP

HALIFAX, Nov. 28.—New mystery was attached here today to wireless S. O. S. calls picked up by the Sable Island station from a steamship which signed herself "Amerique." No such vessel is listed in shipping records, and maritime men say they never heard of her. The calls were quite distinct and were relayed to vessels in a wide radius. No reason was given for the distress calls.

DISGRACED NEW YORK GUARD OFFICER "FIRED"

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—The War Department today announced the dismissal of First Lieutenant Clyde F. Marion, Seventy-first New York National Guard, who was convicted by court-martial of drunkenness and "conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman" while on duty on the Mexican border. The conviction was approved by President Wilson.

PLATE GLASS COMPANY INCREASES WAGES

TOLEDO, O., Nov. 28.—The Edward Ford Plate Glass Company will voluntarily increase the wages of its 1800 employes eight per cent, effective December 1. The average daily wage is now \$2.60.

MINT GETS \$8,500,000 IN CANADIAN GOLD TODAY

A shipment of Canadian gold valued at \$8,500,000 is on its way here from Ottawa and will arrive at the Philadelphia Mint some time late today. The gold is accompanied by armed guards and will be taken to the Mint from the railroad station in heavily guarded express wagons. The gold belongs to J. P. Morgan & Co.

VERHAEREN, BELGIAN POET, FATALLY HURT BY TRAIN
HAVRE, Nov. 28.—A dispatch from Rouen says that Emil Verhaeren, well-known Belgian poet, was fatally injured by falling beneath a moving train today.

BRITISH STEAMSHIP REPORTED SUNK

LONDON, Nov. 28.—The Ellerman liner City of Birmingham has been sunk. Lloyd's lists the City of Birmingham as a steel vessel of 7498 tons, with Liverpool her home port.

EDGE'S MAJORITY FOR JERSEY GOVERNOR, 69,647

TRENTON, Nov. 28.—Governor-elect Walter E. Edge's official majority was 69,647, the State Board of Canvassers was informed this afternoon at its meeting in the Statehouse. The figures also show that United States Senator-elect Joseph S. Frelinghuysen, the Republican nominee, was chosen by a majority of 74,696. In the totals for Assemblymen the Republicans had a majority of 65,013. The average vote for the Republican electors was 265,982 and for the Democratic 211,018, a difference of 54,964. The Egan road bill was carried by a majority of 89,250.

SOUTH AND MIDDLE WEST TO MONOPOLIZE FARM LOANS
WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—The resources of the Federal Loan Board will be virtually monopolized by the South and Middle West, it was learned today. The board plans to locate more than half the twelve farm loan banks in that section because of the extensive farming in those sections. The board today began laying out the farm loan districts the country is to be divided into and will announce the location of the twelve centers by December 18.

U. S. RECALLS MILITARY ATTACHE FROM BERLIN

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—The War Department today officially confirmed reports of the recall of Lieutenant Colonel Joseph E. Kuhn, military attache of the American Embassy in Berlin.

\$600,000,000 WAR EXPORTS TO RUSSIA

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Statistics have been given out by the foreign trade department of the National City Bank on the exports of merchandise from the United States to Russia since the beginning of the war. According to this compilation, these exports amount to more than \$600,000,000, of which about \$200,000,000 went by way of the Pacific Ocean and \$400,000,000 by way of the north Atlantic route.

FEARS OF SUBMARINES ADVANCE INSURANCE RATES

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Believing that German submarines are crossing the Atlantic preparatory to beginning a vigorous warfare against Allied commerce, several local underwriters today raised their rates from 7/8 to 1 1/2 per cent on shipments for South America. The transatlantic rate is unchanged, ranging between 2 1/2 and 3 per cent on all shipments, while cargoes to the Mediterranean are being negotiated at 6 per cent. While two or three of the underwriters place little credence in the submarine report, others feel that since the British Admiralty has seen fit to warn all merchantmen to be on the lookout for U-boats there must be some reason for this warning.

2600 STEEL WORKS EMPLOYEES GET AN INCREASE

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 28.—An increase of ten per cent in wages has been announced by officials of the Superior Steel Company, of Carnegie. The advance affects 1700 employes. A similar increase has been announced by the Standard Steel Car Company, at New Castle, Pa., benefitting 900 employes. Both are effective December 15.

OUSTED TEUTONIC ENVOYS REACH BULGARIA

BERLIN, Nov. 28.—Advices from Sofia say that the Ministers of the Central Powers, whose departure from Greece was demanded by the Entente Allies, have arrived at the Bulgarian port of Kavala.

BOOK IN JACKET SAVED BOY HIT BY AUTO

A school-book which a boy carried in the breast of his jacket probably saved his life when he was run over by an automobile at Broad and Callowhill streets. The lad was Joseph H. Chalk, of 1921 South street. He was riding a bicycle when struck, and he fell under the wheels of the motorcar, which passed over his chest. At the Hahnemann Hospital it was found that he had no serious injury. The book had acted as a fender.

SARDINIA, ISLE IN MEDITERRANEAN, SWEEP BY CYCLONE
PARIS, Nov. 28.—The island of Sardinia, in the Mediterranean, has been ravaged by a cyclone, according to a report received in Rome and forwarded to the Havas Agency.

CATTLE EMBARGO THROUGHOUT STATE DECLARED

As a protection against hoof and mouth disease, an embargo against live stock from Nebraska and the Kansas City stockyards has been declared throughout Pennsylvania by Dr. C. J. Marshall, State Veterinarian. Cattle from Nebraska have developed a disease resembling hoof and mouth infection, and the embargo was declared pending investigation.

WOMEN TO SEEK \$200,000 FOR COLLEGE

The Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania will begin a campaign on December 4 to increase its present \$500,000 endowment fund by an additional \$200,000. Prominent Philadelphians are among the workers in the campaign, which will continue until December 15. The campaign is novel in that it will be conducted entirely by women.

GERMANS TAKE GIURGEVO; GAIN IN ALT VALLEY

Mackensen's Troops Now Only 35 Miles From Bucharest

KURTEA ARJESH FALLS

Falkenhayn's Forces Drive Forward in Region of Campolung

BERLIN, Nov. 28.

The German allies are now only thirty-five miles from Bucharest, the Rumanian capital.

Official announcement was made today of the capture of Giurgevo, which is directly south of Bucharest and only thirty-five miles away. Giurgevo is on the Danube and lies at the terminus of a short railway line running into the capital of King Ferdinand's kingdom.

Kurtea Arjesh, an important railway town in northern Rumania, is also in the hands of the Austro-German forces. This town is not far from Campolung, one of the chief objectives of the army of General von Falkenhayn.

More crossings of the Alt River have been gained by the Teuton allies. Under the powerful blows of the Germans, Austro-Hungarians and Bulgarians, the defense of the Russo-Rumanian forces is crumbling to pieces all around Bucharest.

The text of the official report follows: Army group of Archduke Josef—On the eastern frontier of Transylvania the fighting is much livelier. Several Russian reconnoitering detachments were repulsed. The Alt has again been crossed by us.

New operations have been commenced by us and the fighting is progressing in our favor. Kurtea Arjesh is in our possession. Army group of Field Marshal von Mackensen (Dobruza)—The fighting activity in this zone has been limited. The army of the Danube has gained further ground. Giurgevo was captured by us yesterday.

SOPIA, Nov. 28. Three armies of German allies have crossed the Danube from Bulgaria and invaded Rumania. The War Office announced today that these crossings were effected from Vidin, Lom Palanks and Rehovo.

BUCHAREST, Nov. 28. Using gas and tear shells the Teutonic forces in patrol engagements, backed up by artillery fire, are attacking Rumanian troops in the Buce Valley as far as Dragoslavele, the War Office reported today.

In the west there were no engagements yesterday, except on the extreme right the Rumanian positions were under heavy enemy bombardment. On the left wing there was nothing of importance.

Along the Danube the statement reported

THE WEATHER

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Generally cloudy and warmer, with probably rain late tonight or on Wednesday; moderate southerly winds.

Table with columns for Length of Day, Sunrise, Moonset, Delaware River Tide Changes, and Temperature at each hour.

WILSON WILL NOT URGE PEACE NOW

President and Aids Decide Against Proposing Negotiations to Europe

GERARD TO WARN BERLIN

Ambassador to Caution Kaiser on Submarine Activity and Deportation of Belgians

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—President Wilson and his closest personal advisers in a series of conferences in quick succession decided this afternoon not to make any definite move toward obtaining peace in Europe at this time, it was stated in official circles. American diplomatic representatives abroad who have been "feeling out" the belligerent nations upon the subject will be instructed immediately not to commit this Government as being insistent that peace come quickly.

The Ambassador Gerard, it was learned, received instructions to inform the German Government upon his return to Berlin that the new German submarine warfare "makes it seem apparent that German submarine commanders are running the risk of violating the pledges given to this Government."

The Ambassador was also instructed to tell the Berlin Foreign Office that the United States would "seriously regret" any interference with American relief work in Belgium by the deportation of Belgians to Germany.

Ambassador Gerard will leave Washington tomorrow and sail from New York Tuesday, carrying out the instructions upon his arrival in Berlin.

BERLIN MAY CONFESS ERROR IN MARINA CASE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—A carefully guarded wireless message received this afternoon by Ambassador von Bernstorff from the German Foreign Office was reported here to contain information that a German submarine sank the British steamship Marina October 28, with the loss of five Americans, in violation of the submarine warfare pledges given to the United States.

It was further said that an official note to this effect for delivery to Secretary of State Lansing was now being prepared by the Berlin Foreign Office, admitting that "a mistake" was made and containing an offer to make "full reparation."

Ambassador von Bernstorff refused to make any comment concerning the report. It was admitted, however, that he might present important papers to the State Department tomorrow or Thursday. It was believed that only the gravest matters would be taken up on a holiday.

CHEMUNG, AMERICAN SHIP, SENT TO BOTTOM

2615-Ton Vessel Belonged to the Atlantic and Pacific Transportation Company

LONDON, Nov. 28.—The American steamship Chemung has been sunk. The Chemung, according to Lloyd's listing, is owned by the Atlantic and Pacific Coast Transportation Company. She was a steel vessel of 2615 tons, was 125.7 feet in length and was built by the Union Drydock Company, of Buffalo.

HOUSEWIVES ASK FEDERAL ACTION

Two Millions Appeal to President to Regulate Prices of Food

DEMAND TO CURB EXPORT

Governor Whitman Plans Commission With Competent Man in Charge of Work

CHICAGO, Nov. 28.—Thirty million dozen of eggs, enough to supply every man, woman and child in the United States with more than three eggs each, were discovered by Government investigators in a cold-storage warehouse today. The eggs were bought last May at twenty cents a dozen and are understood to be held by James E. Wetz, self-styled "egg king."

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Formal appeal for Government regulation of the country's food supply was forwarded to President Wilson today by the representatives of 2,000,000 women of the National Housewives' League.

Simultaneously Patrick E. Quinn, Government Commissioner for New South Wales, explained the Australian system of food control and recommended its adoption by the United States.

The plea of the housewives and the remedial system outlined by Quinn dovetailed with Governor Whitman's move for the regulation of New York's food supply by a State food commission.

The league's appeal urges the Government "to determine by all possible methods the food supply needed to feed the population."

SANTA SENDS FIRST LOT OF CHRISTMAS TREES

One Thousand Arrive From Vermont Woods—Children Rejoice, but Parents Will Pay More

A positive indication of the fast approaching Yuletide presented itself this morning in the form of 1000 Christmas trees. Several carloads shipped from the upper Vermont woods arrived at the Philadelphia and Reading Railway yards at Nineteenth street and Allegheny avenue.

Packed tightly in huge freight cars and covered with a frosty coat of this ice, they were slowly hauled to their temporary resting place. A few moments later the "kiddies" of the neighborhood who were on their way to school heard the glad tidings and rushed over to take a "peek."

"Gee! Santa Claus is sure to come again this year," shouted one of the youngsters. "The war ain't goin' to stop him."

The news may not have the same pleasant results to the parents, for it is learned that Christmas trees are likely to be scarce and bring high prices. Vermont trees are said to be at a premium, owing to a blight caused by gypsy-moths. The Forestry Department has ordered that all shipments be thoroughly inspected before leaving. In other words, it is a veritable quarantine.

Delaware College Gets \$100,000

WILMINGTON, Del., Nov. 28.—An anonymous friend of Delaware College, who has given it about \$1,000,000 in the last year, today presented another \$100,000 for development.

TWO ZEPPELINS WRECKED; AERO SHELLS LONDON

British Fliers Bring Down Giant Cruisers Returning From Raid

THROWS VIEW BATTLES

Four Injured When German Plane Drops Bombs on Capital

LONDON, Nov. 28.

Eight thousand feet aloft, above the English Channel, British hydroaeroplanes sent a German Zeppelin hurtling down to destruction in flames today. A little earlier anti-aircraft guns, co-operating with an aeroplane, accounted for another German air raider off York and Durham Counties—the great air cruiser also sinking, aflame, into the water.

A German aeroplane dropped six bombs over the city of London today. General French reported that four persons were injured, one, a woman, seriously. The official statement said the aeroplane flew at a great height over the city and was partly concealed in the haze. It appeared between 11:50 and noon. Except for those injured, the statement said, the damage done by the bombs was slight.

Graphic details of the twenty-seventh aerial raid by the Germans since the first of the year were announced today by General Lord French, commander-in-chief of the British home forces. He said damage in lives or property from bombs dropped by the raiders over York and Durham Counties during the night were believed slight.

The first Zeppelin, which apparently entered over Durham, was pursued by an aeroplane as it turned homeward. Not until the Zeppelin was over the sea off the Durham coast did the British aviator succeed in reaching a vital part. Then he brought the great dreadnought of the air down, a burst of flame, anti-aircraft guns co-operating.

The second German Zeppelin entered over North Midlands, dropping bombs at several places, French's statement said. Then it turned homeward and sought to escape, with British aeroplanes pursuing. Finally the great vessel was apparently struck. The last part of her journey was made with difficulty, the Zeppelin lamely pressing onward. She was unable to reach the coast by daybreak. Later, somewhere aloft on the Norfolk coast, the German crew apparently effected repairs. The machine immediately proceeded seaward, rising rapidly to a height of 8000 feet. Then four naval aeroplanes attacked the invader nine miles at sea. An armed trawler aided in the attack. Finally a shot roused a vital part and the great ship sank from the sky a blazing mass at 6:45 a. m.

Germany has lost one or more of her Zeppelins on every attempt she has made at a raid over England since September 3. With last night's score Germany has lost six giant machines since that time.

GIANT "SCALPS" BUTCHER

Arrested, He Tells Cops He Lives in Arlington Cemetery

A giant who was refused money today attacked A. J. Honser, a butcher in the Reading Terminal market, according to the police, and inflicted a serious scalp wound with a hatchet before he was arrested.

The alleged assailant, Charles Horner, made Honser unconscious with a blow after an argument over money. Honser was taken to the Hahnemann Hospital, where five stitches were taken to close the wound. Honser, who is six feet three inches tall, was held to \$1000 bail by Magistrate Tracy, of the Central Station. He told the police that he lived in Arlington Cemetery.